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1. 11 Jun 53: "A glance at the published exit-visa lists shows them again shrinking, although there have been a couple of lists lately when 60 or 70 names appeared. The names for the most part are those of people leaving under the IRO. Mr W Bowling /UK manager of Imperial Chemical Industries/ left last week on the HUNAN which came in place of the YUNNAN this one trip. Also leaving on the same boat were some members of the British Consulate and Dr Koch, the Swiss Consul and his wife who were suddenly instructed to leave for Bangkok. They had just returned here in April and had completed setting up house on Rue Boissezon. Mrs Koch was the former Mrs Bruno Britt, you might remember. The only other item of interest that I have to offer is to tell you that there will be no more golf at Hungjao. During the past week it was 'taken over.' The why and wherefor I cannot tell you. /Text of the announcement follows: regret the Committee have to inform members that in accordance with the "Shanghai Suburban Land Reform Enforcement Regulations" the land formerly belonging to the Hungjao Golf Club is shortly to be requisitioned by the Authorities. An order to this effect from the Suburban Land Reform Committee of the Shanghai Peoples Government and dated May 30th, 1953, was served upon the Captain of the Club under the terms of which he was required to surrender the title deeds to the property, these deeds are being handed over on Monday June 8th, from which date the Hungjao Golf Club will cease to function."
2. 17 Jun 53: "The Hong Kong Bank has circularized all customers to close accounts. The /Communist/ authorities have introduced the Ewo Brewery to a concern (a government department) to negotiate a take-over. The Butterfield and Swire Paint Company also. Are we down in the dumps? Yes."

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